

# THE ORANGEBURG NEWS

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ANY OTHER PAPER IN THE COUN-  
TY.

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AN HONEST AND UNCORRUPTED MAN.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Hon. Daniel H. Chamberlain  
OF RICHLAND COUNTY.

## The Refusal to Pay Taxes.

We publish in another column an article from the *Daily News & Courier*. The wily "bold sger boy" who writes the leaders of that journal don't criminate himself, much, but he "outs with it" any how. If troubles should come to the poor farmer whose all is his "homestead," then this immaculate editor can say: "thou canst not say I did it." But how a man professing to have the interest of his adopted State (for he is an Englishman) and her people at heart can write such an article is strange to us. Covertly he says it will not bring war. It will not cause blood shed. It will not bring down upon them the strong arm of the Federal Government. Gen. Grant will violate his oath, disregard the Constitution and break his party pledges just to allow his mortal enemies to run riot over this State. The article, and the communication to which it is an answer, has satisfied our mind that we are right in our convictions as to the real intent and purposes of the Tax Unions, which the Democracy are so strongly endeavoring to organize in every Township in each County through out the State.

We quote from the communication referred to:

"Let us analyze this tax question and the relief suggested by the proposal to withhold their payment. We refuse to pay our taxes as individuals, and at once the powers that be order a levy and sale, supported, if need be, by a posse comitatus. Here come in the colored militia, thoroughly organized and armed all through the State, swift messengers to do the bidding of those in authority. It is useless to talk of want of nerve on the part of our rulers. We have been taxed almost to death within four years past with this song ringing in our ears, 'They will not dare to do it,' and yet, day by day, they have gleaned from fresh pastures, and broken every prop that has protected the property of our citizens. They dare all things here, backed by three departments of a government, burning in their zeal to handle the public funds. Wrapping the tattered constitution of the State about them, and swearing at every step to uphold the glorious old flag, 'Bugle Blast of a Robber Band,' they keep both hands in the treasury. We are advised to resist payment of the taxes according to the *News and Courier*, and Senator Robertson, the attorney-general and the President. Surely these be good advisers, and we dread to differ with them! We combine and resist the posse. Surely not through the courts, creatures of the Governor and Legislature. That would be a farce indeed. Then by force of arms! Collision with the militia, and grant, for argument sake, that we disperse them. Here go the wires at once demanding aid from the President to suppress insurrection and rebellion against law and order. Mind you, this posse will be the legally constituted authority of the State. When the militia of a State can't carry out the laws, the constitution puts it upon the General Government, and under the law the President must interfere. This is about the theory and practice since the war. Then where goes the remedy? Is not my statement according to the law and the facts? I have no theory in the matter. If I had, it would go the other way. Surely if I am right, this is not the way of escape. I only make a formal statement of what lies heavily in the popular mind. The Tax Unions move slowly. I am impressed that this is one felt difficulty. The people, smarting still under the wounds of the late war, tread with caution upon ground that seems to imply a conflict that must in the end reach the Federal Government and com-

mand its aid *de lege*. If we are in error give us light, and you will infuse new vigor into the movement for our redemption."

"The tax unions move slowly. Why! Because the principle that underlies them is rebellion. The mass of the people know it. They have had enough of rebellion and fighting the 'powers that be,' and hence the tax unions move slowly. They teach the non-payment to a Republican Government of the taxes, which is nothing less than rebellion."

Well, all we have to say about it is, join the tax unions who ever may, the taxes will continue to be collected in this State, and the poor fools who do join these unions thinking that they will avoid the tax levy thereby, won't have our sympathy, for if the dear-bought experience of the past won't teach them to shun the advice of those whose motto is "rule or ruin," nothing will.

Now we will look at this matter in another light. We will bring it directly home to the small farmer and landholder.

Suppose you conclude to join the tax unions, and swear to resist the payment of the taxes only as you may be advised is right. What then? When the tax gatherer comes along, and don't receive the taxes, the penalties are put on, executions issued, costs attached and then turned over to the Sheriff and he is ordered to levy on your personal property, which he must dispose of first before he can sell your land. Well, how many of you but what have personal property sufficient to pay your taxes? What next? You will resist the levy by the sheriff, he will call out the posse comitatus (militia) you resist it, which is rebellion, then the President comes in and views the situation—result—you pay the taxes, penalties, costs and all, added, and to your mortification find, perhaps, as the tax payers in Charleston did, that your advisers preach what they don't practice.

Certain lawyers in Charleston went and paid their taxes and then advised the citizens of that city to resist the collection of theirs, and they would defend them in the Courts, of course, if paid for their services. But the thing leaked out, and the "stale lie" "damn the principle the money is what we want" was clearly demonstrated.

Well, your horses and mules, cows, sheep, corn and bacon, put up and sold, of what value is your homestead to you? If this does not realize sufficient to pay your tax, then your land is sold or forfeited to the State. We said in a previous article that it was not the land of the small land owner, that was forfeited for non-payment of taxes, but that it was that of the large land owner, whose uncultivated acres lies as waste places throughout the country. They have little personal property, or keep what they have under mortgage to cotton brokers in Charleston, and hence their land is levied on and sold or forfeited to the State. In the article copied from the *News & Courier*, it is said no purchasers will be found to buy the land offered for sale; granted, but you will find purchasers for your horses and mules, corn and bacon, and the time is rapidly approaching when the State of South Carolina will provide land and homes for the thousands of poor people in this State who are now landless and homeless. If these parties who have allowed their lands to be forfeited to the State, don't come forward and redeem the same by paying the taxes, &c., assessed upon them, they will be sold, and sold on such terms that purchasers a plenty will be found to buy them. Do you doubt it? What is to prevent the General Assembly from putting these forfeited lands in the market, for the taxes, cost, &c., due on them, on terms of ten years credit. It would be a good way to provide homes for the homeless, and it is folly to say purchasers won't be found.

But we don't anticipate any such a state of affairs. We are going to elect a Governor for the next term who will have the confidence of two-thirds of the conservative party of this State.

The taxes will be collected and the same properly and economically disbursed and accounted for. President Grant will stand by the Republican party in this State and aid them in a just and honest administration of affairs whatever may be said to the contrary notwithstanding. And hence we don't believe there will be any war of races, we don't believe there will be any rebellion, we don't believe there will be one drop of blood shed in resistance to the collection of the taxes by the coming tax collector. We believe the great majority of the tax payers of this State have had enough of such advice as flow from the lips of such harpies as run the Broad Street newspaper.

The Republican party don't intend to be scared or blustered into doing anything that will give the reins of government into the hands of the bourbon element of this State, "not if the Court knows itself, and it thinks it do."

With the Hon Daniel H Chamberlain as our standard bearer, we fear not the "dogs of war." And Tray, Branch and Sweetheart can yelp on.

The *Sun*, newspaper, however, which in its salutatory proposed to be independent, and proves to be a most rabid democratic paper—answers the *News & Courier's* article, and twists its brother of shirking the question. Says that friends a plenty (dems. of course,) will hasten here from the Northern States to help them wage war if necessary. If war does come the conductors of such papers, and signers of tax union rolls, will be very apt to suffer as much as a people can suffer, and live.

We call attention to the change in the call for a County Convention, issued by the County Chairman.

Mr. J. Felder Meyers is the Assistant Editor of this paper, and his articles will be found under his editorial head. He is fully competent, we believe, to take care of himself and holds himself personally responsible for what may emanate from his pen. Articles written by the Editor will be found under his editorial head. We hope this explanation will be satisfactory to our readers and cause no delay as to who is responsible. We have a fighting Editor, who will be found when required, who is not responsible for the heads he may break.

## PERSONAL—

Judge Thompson H Cooke was in our Town Thursday last, on a brief visit. His Honor was in the best of health and on Wednesday evening last delivered one of his telling speeches in Camden, and spoke very highly of the Hon. C D Melton, as being a good man for Governor.

Gen'l. J Mims Sullivan of Greenville, and the accomplished Editor of that straight-out radical paper the *Greenville Republican*, complimented us with a visit on Thursday last. He also delivered an able and eloquent address to his numerous Republican friends in Camden Wednesday night last. The General is a whole team within himself.

The kindly face of our genial friend Runkle, Solicitor of the Fifth Circuit, beamed upon us a few days since. He paid a brief visit to our Town on important business, which he dispatched to his satisfaction, in his usual rapid and courteous manner.

We have received a communication from Mr. Adam Keitt, in which he announces himself a candidate for the lower house, and says his fight will be for honesty and corn field men, and against defrauders whom he terms the Mulatto race.

As far as his opposition to dishonesty goes we are with Mr. Keitt, but we don't hold all light colored men are dishonest and the principles of our great party teach us that we must make no distinction on account of race or color. We cannot insert the communication this week.

The *Pickens Sentinel* says: "Pickens surely grows more lunatic than any other county in the State." Certainly; why not? Pickens is a Democratic county.

Will our democratic contemporary, on our right, tell us and its "largest circulation" readers of what dishonest actions Mr. Chamberlain is guilty, and by what miracle he can be brought 'down to a level or classed with such a man as Franklin Isaac Moses, Jr? Spit it out, sir. Stop slurs and insinuations and come down to facts. We guarantee to answer successfully every charge you make, and do it decently and courteously.

That old weather beaten bird, the *Columbia Phoenix* is bruising its "sore head" on the shrewdness displayed and evident glorious financial success of its contemporary the *Union-Herald*. How we do know on a fire.

We have the announcements of numerous candidates for the lower branch of the next General Assembly lying on our table. They will all appear in our next issue. We hope our friends will bear in mind that it cost each candidate two dollars for his name to appear as a candidate in this paper.

Our old friend, the Rev. Thomas Phillips, it will be seen, is announced in our columns as a candidate at the coming election for School Commissioner of this County. We don't hesitate to say, that Mr. Phillips has the confidence of the whole people of our County, colored and white.

We understand that Mr. Christain Caldwell has consented to run for the lower house. We have heard that Mr. Caldwell feels a reluctance to hold office but that his many friends insist on running him.

Mr. Paul E. Jones is also a candidate for the lower house. Mr. Jones deserves a great deal of credit for his support among his people for honesty and integrity, and is a rising young man in the Republican party.

Mr. Alex D. Dantzer requests us to announce him as a candidate for the lower house.

Mr. Samuel R. Duacan is a candidate for reelection to the lower house. His past record is good.

The *Rural Carolinian* for August is before us, and a superb number it is, too. Its contents are varied, and can compare favorably with any agricultural journal published in the United States. If you are a farmer reader, and a son of South Carolina and don't take the *Rural Carolinian* then you are doing yourself, your stock and your plantation a great act of injustice. Subscribe for it at once. Any one article in this number is worth the subscription price. Send two dollars to Walker, Evans & Cogswell, Charleston, S. C., and get it.

## Clippings from the Union-Herald.

WHAT DO THE PEOPLE ASK OF A NEWSPAPER?—The subscriber asks that the newspaper shall have money enough at its back, so that when he pays his subscription, he knows that he will get his paper for the year.

If there are several parties with means at the back of the *Union-Herald*, as is complained of by our contemporaries, is not that exactly what the people want?

The advertiser needs a large circulation, and if they will inquire at the proper place, they can be satisfied about that. We are ready to compare notes, and yet our subscription is yet nothing to what it will soon be. The general public demand that the paper shall be full of news, and advocate the cause of honesty and reform. What paper has assailed corruption in its own party and elsewhere with more vigor, constancy and effect than the *Union-Herald*? So far as "pap" is concerned, we are ready to go to the record. How could it get pap when its every issue attacked the administration? Now, the *Union-Herald* has done with the past. It is in new hands, and we invite the closest scrutiny of its conduct.

Watch our smoke, and see if we do not mean an honest government. We are going to have it, too. Mark that!

REFORM.—Reform what? Reform the party in power or the party out of

power? Reform the Republican or Democratic party? Why, reform the party in power, of course. Well, can that be better done by those inside or outside? By those inside, of course. How can a man clean out a house by staying on the outside?

The Board of trustees of the Claflin University met at the State House yesterday morning, and elected the Rev. Dr. Cook, of Wilberham, Mass., as President, in place of Dr. Webster, who has bought a fine place in Orangeburg, and retires to its enjoyment.

"That dog of yours flew at me this morning and bit me on the leg, and I notify you that I intend to shoot it the first time I see it." "The dog is not mad." "I know he's not mad. What has he got to be made about? It's me that's mad."

The opposition are organizing thoroughly all over the State—granges, tax unions and rifle clubs in every county. This means business, and why are the Republicans quarreling among themselves instead of organizing?

## ADDRESS.

HEADQUARTERS UNION REPUBLICAN PARTY, ROOMS STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COLUMBIA, S. C., July 22, 1874.

To the Republican Voters of the State:

FELLOW-CITIZENS: The time will soon arrive when you will be called upon, in the exercise of the elective franchise, to express your choice in the selection of officers who shall administer the Government of our State during the next two years. In issuing the call for the convocation of the State Convention of our party, the Executive Committee deem it proper that they should state the views with which they are impressed as to the condition of public affairs in our State, and invoke your patriotism in securing to South Carolina good government and peaceful administration. It is neither our intention to select individuals for censure, nor to unjustly or unfairly discriminate between those who, in any department of our Government, have rendered themselves amenable to just criticism. That the pledges given to the people in our party platform of 1872 have not been fully redeemed; and that, in many instances, sound policy has been discarded and reckless extravagance manifested, we cannot deny. What causes have led to our present condition may not be herein discussed. It is sufficient that we should all recognize the fact that our Government needs reform—thorough reform and purification. The attention of the country has been called to South Carolina; the American people demand that maladministration shall cease and good government be at once inaugurated; the national Republican party admonishes us to at once retrace our steps, and vindicate, by our action, the integrity of Republicanism; while the national Government insists that contribution for past errors cannot be considered unless accompanied by the selection of public officers whose characters will be a guaranty of elevated and enlightened statesmanship in the future.

The Executive Committee would make no race distinctions, but it cannot longer be denied, and it would be criminal longer to withhold the facts, that the present condition of affairs in our State is made chargeable to the colored race, who represent not only the great bulk of Republicans here, but who constitute the majority of its citizens. The duty and responsibility of redeeming the State from obloquy and disgrace of restoring the public confidence; of building up her credit and of saving her from utter and complete annihilation, rest peculiarly upon the shoulders of that race. This duty they cannot evade—this responsibility they cannot escape.

Fellow-Republicans of every race—and of the colored race, more particularly—we appeal to you to aid us in every honest effort to redeem our party pledges, and to vindicate the wisdom of that beneficent policy which transformed 4,000,000 of human beings from the condition of chattel slaves to the proud position of American freemen, and has made the rights of all citizens national rather than sectional. We solemnly invoke you to raise to the full height of your responsibilities. We implore you to send to your State, Congressional and county conventions your best men—men of patriotism and intelligence—men who not justly because they love Justice and do right because they love the Right. We would ask you to correct the evils that may exist, through your party organization. Charge not upon the Republican party the acts of those

officers who may have proved faithless to the principles of that great party, as well as to you. That the mission of the party is not yet accomplished, listen, fellow-citizens, to the Union Republican Congressional Committee in their address to the people of the United States:

"It is sometimes said the mission of the Republican party is accomplished. If by that no more is meant than that the party has discharged every trust heretofore committed to it, we admit it. It has been thought when one was found faithful over a few things that was a good reason for trusting him with many more things! Can you do better than be instructed by such an example? Especially since you must employ either the party which you say has fulfilled every trust, or employ that only other party which has betrayed every trust."

"The occasion for political effort has not passed. American progress is not ended. Other labors lie before you, lighter perhaps, but not light."

"1. You have to see that what is done shall not be undone. Republicanism offers you the best security against retrogression."

"2 You have to see that the work of reform goes forward. Three great labors demand your present consideration."

"The fourteenth amendment to the Constitution is not yet enforced by 'appropriate legislation.' Millions of American citizens are denied even the common law rights of locomotion because they are black. If such wrongs are to be redressed, the Republican party alone can do it."

In conclusion, fellow-citizens, in the language of that committee, "if you cherish the deeds of the recent past, and would not see them undone; if you respect the present, and would not disgrace it; or, if you have hope of the future, and would realize that hope," we urge you to send to your conventions, and place in the public offices none but intelligent, patriotic, unselfish and true and tried Republicans."

Relying with confidence upon your devotion to the principles of our party, and above and beyond all, firmly believing, as we do, that you love your State, we look to you for the redemption of our Commonwealth.

We are, respectfully, your obedient servants and fellow-citizens.

ROBERT B ELLIOTT, President.  
J J NEAGLE, Vice-President.  
W B NASH,  
H G WORTHINGTON,  
F W M MACKEY,  
C D HAYNE,  
C D MELTON,  
WILSON COOK,  
J F ENSOR,  
M R DELANY,  
J H RAINY.

## Campaign Opened.

HEADQUARTERS UNION REPUBLICAN PARTY, ORANGEBURG COUNTY, July 23rd, 1874.

The call, for a COUNTY CONVENTION and the election of DELEGATES from each precinct to meet in said CONVENTION to nominate DELEGATES to meet the State CONVENTION in Columbia on the 8th of September next is notified as follows, viz: The COUNTY CONVENTION will convene at this place at 12 M, on Thursday, 13th day of August 1874. The DELEGATES elected on Saturday 1st of August will be elected to serve until the 8th day of September 1874—instead of for two years, as stated in the original call.

THAD. C. ANDREWS, County Chairman.

Mr. Editor:—You will please announce the Rev. THOMAS PHILLIPS a Candidate for School Commissioner for the next term, subject to the action of the nominating Convention.

August 1st, 1874.

## NUMEROUS VOTERS.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE. Mr. Editor:—Please announce Capt. G. J. JAMISON, of the Fork, a Candidate for the next Legislature, at the coming election and oblige,

MANY FRIENDS.

## For the Legislature.

Mr. Editor:—Please announce Judge B. G. FREDICK, of the Fork, a Candidate for the Legislature at the coming election and oblige.

MANY FRIENDS.

## Road Notice.

Notice is hereby given that in three months from this date, the Board of County Commissioners will appoint Special Commissioners to Lay Out and Open a Public Road, leading from Rowe's Pump Westward to the Orangeburg and Charleston Road, near the plantation of John S. Bowman, unless in the meantime cause be shown to the contrary.

By order of the Board.  
GEO. BOLIVER,  
C. C. Comm'r.  
County Commissioners Office, May 74.—9 3m.